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Comparison of County Assessor Statistics Published Online

OLYMPIA – June 27, 2011 – An annual comparison of county assessor statistics has been published online by the Washington State Department of Revenue.

The numbers counties reported for their budgets, FTE levels, and appeals were as of a specific point in time (March 2011) and may have changed since then. The report also tallies assessed values, number of parcels, new construction, number of appeals and other relevant figures.

The report is intended to provide property tax administrators and decision-makers with a uniform set of comparative statistics to assist in the analysis and evaluation of assessment operations and the adequacy of assessment resources.

Washington's thirty-nine county assessors operate within unique local geographical, political, and economic environments that often influence the attributes of a county's assessment system and the level of services they provide. Consequently, making direct comparisons between individual counties may result in distorted or misleading conclusions unless additional information is considered or more in-depth analysis is conducted. The report is available at

http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/Reports/2009/Property_Tax_Statistics_2009/CountyComparisonReport2010.pdf.

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